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In re PATENT application of)
Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al.) Group Art Unit: 2829
Serial No. 09/580,485) Examiner: Asok K. Sarkar
Filed: May 30, 2000) Dated: January 10, 2003
For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING AN)
ELECTRO-OPTICAL DEVICE) Docket No: 740756-2154

**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE
TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER
SECTION 1.97 IN A CONTINUING APPLICATION**

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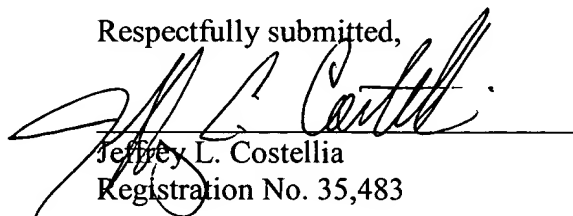
Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for the withdrawal of this application from issue. The issue fee for this case was paid on December 19, 2002.

The reason for withdrawal from issue of this application is for consideration of Information Disclosure Statement in a continuing application. The continuing application is filed as a Request for Continued Examination Application (RCE). The RCE, which is entitled to priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 from this application, is being filed on the same date as this petition and accompanies this petition.

A check for \$130 is attached to cover the petition fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies (except the issue fee) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2380 (740756-2154). A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,


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